

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims Listing:

1-35 (cancel)

36. (currently amended) ~~A composition comprising a culture medium for growing plants, wherein said culture medium comprises~~ culture medium composition for growing plants comprising: a particulate base material of no more than approximately 10 mm in size and a thermoplastic, biologically degradable binding agent in an amount of no more than 25% by weight for use as a culture medium for growing plants.

37. (original) The composition of claim 36 wherein the base material comprises an organic material.

38-39 (cancel)

40. (original) The composition of claim 36 wherein the base material comprises at least one material selected from the group consisting of peat, compost, coconut fibers, coconut granulate, hemp fibers, straw, grass, sawdust, coffee grounds, organic waste, residue from the animal feed industry, and residue from the paper industry.

41. (cancel)

42. (original) The composition of claim 36 wherein said culture medium at least partially envelopes a core of base material.